

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are amended. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 2, 4 and 5 were objected to. Claims 1-6 were allowed.

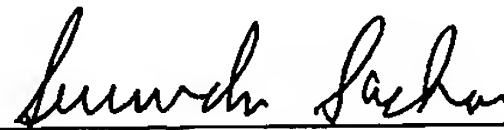
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-6.

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are amended to delete the phrase "the steps of." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the phrase "the step of" does not need to be inserted into Claims 2 and 5. Further, Claim 4 is amended to replace the word "being" with "bending." Finally, Claims 2 and 5 are amended to replace the word "including" with "comprising." Consequently, the objection to Claims 2, 4, and 5 is believed to be overcome.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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